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SUBJECT: BENGHAZI CONFERENCE

1. MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES SAMBA CISSOKO RETURNED TO BAMA KO MARCH 31 FROM BENGHAZI CONFERENCE AFTER A SHORT VISIT TO BONN WHERE HE SAW GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER. CISSOKO' S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN BAMA KO CAREFULLY AVOIDED ECHOING EXTREME ARAB LINE. ACCORDING TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON STULPNAGEL, FOREIGN MINISTER' S PRESS STATEMENTS IN GERMANY ALSO DESIGNED TO GIVE LEAST POSSIBLE OFFENSE AND TO DENY THAT CONFERENCE WAS IN ANY WAY SEEKING TO SUPPORT ARAB TERRORISTS. IN HIS BAMA KO STATEMENT FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO SAID CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS WERE " FRAMED ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES" AND WERE DESIGNED CHIEFLY TO " MAKE ISRAEL MORE REASONABLE, MORE WISE IN ORDER THAT OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS MIGHT BE FREED". OTHER RESOLUTIONS DEALT WITH MORAL AND MATERIAL AID TO PALESTINIANS: " THESE PALESTINIANS MUST BE GIVEN MORE MORAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALLOW THEM TO REGAIN USURPED HOMES". IN LATER PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PRESIDENT TRAORE SAME DAY TO THREE VISITING LIBYAN JOURNALISTS, PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY RESISTED ATTEMPTS TO GET HIM TO TAKE STRONG ANTI-ISRAELI, PRO- PALESTINIAN POSITION. PRESIDENT TRAORE WENT FURTHER BY SAYING THAT MALIAN BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL DUE SIMPLY TO FACT THAT MALI CATEGORICALLY OPPOSES USE OF FORCE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND ACQUISITION BY FORCE OF TERRITORIES OF OTHER STATES. HE NOTED MALI' S " FIRM LIMITERATHER HAD TO CONCENTRATE ON NON- ARMAMENT MEASURES OR DISARMAMENT MEASURES OF PERIPHERAL IMPACT ON DESTRUCTIVE CAPACITY OF GREAT POWERS. BRAZIL WANTS CCD TO CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN CW AND CTB BUT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY CERTAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES-- AS WAS NOT THE CASE

IN THE PAST-- OF NON- DISCRIMINATION, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN PEACEFUL USES, NON- LIMITATION OF NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND SECURITY GUARANTEES.

3. BATISTA SAID THAT BRAZIL HAD INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS
LAST YEAR TO CONSIDER GRADUAL AND PARTIAL SOLUTIONS TO CW
AS PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO OVERCOME POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES. OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE IMMEDIATE PROGRESS MAY
WELL LIE IN DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS THAT MAY OPEN WAY TO
TWO- STEP CW TREATY BEGINNING WITH DESTRUCTION OF
STOCKPILES-- AN ACTUAL MEASURE OF DISARMAMENT AND NOT
ANOTHER DISCRIMINATORY NON- ARMAMENT MEASURE (IN THE
CONTEXT, AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO A BAN ON PRODUCTION
ONLY).

4. IN BATISTA' S VIEW, UNIVERSALLY- ACCEPTED CTB MAY NOT
BE POSSIBLE AS FIRST STEP BUT RATHER AS CONSEQUENCE OF
PROGRESS MADE IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THUS, WHAT MAY BE
NEEDED IS VIGOROUS COMMITMENT BY SUPER- POWERS TO NEGOTIATE
AND AGREE ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES.

5. RE WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE, BATISTA SAID BRAZIL STANDS
BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO SYG BY LATIN AMERICAN GROUP IN
NY.

6. CHAIRMAN SOKOYA (NIGERIA) ANNOUNCED THAT IN VIEW OF
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EASTER HOLIDAYS THERE WOULD BE NO PLENARY ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 19, AND THAT FIRST PLENARY AFTER EASTER WOULD TAKE
PLACE TUESDAY, APRIL 24.

7. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

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